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PRODUCTION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of production of fruits, vegetables and floriculture commodities during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government are aware of difficulties being faced by the producers of these commodities;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether they have stopped production of these commodities; and

(e) if so, the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): The available data on the quantity of production of fruits, vegetables and flowers are as under

(Production in 000 tonnes)

Year	Fruits	Vegetables	Flowers
1996-97	40458	75074	366
1997-98	43263	72683	367
1998-99	44042	87536	459

(b)&(c): The Government is aware about the difficulties being faced by the farmers bothwith regard to production and disposal of the produce. Availability of quality planting material, technical know-how, post harvest management of produce and frequent fluctuation of price of produce are some of the serious problems being faced by the farmers.

(d): No, Sir. The area and production under these commodities is showing an increasing trend.

(e): The Union Government has been implementing the following schemes to address the production related difficulties of the farmers:

(i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Integrated Development of Fruits and

(ii) Central Sector Scheme on Integrated Development of Vegetables including Root & Tuber Crops; and

(iii) Development of Commercial Floriculture

(iv) Development of Horticulture through Plasticulture Interventions.

With effect from the year 2000-01, the above Schemes have been amalgamated under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture − Supplementation / Complementation of State's Efforts through Work Plans.

Besides, the following Schemes are being implemented to address the post harvest management issues:

(i) Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post-harvest Management

(ii) Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/Modernization/Expansion of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticultural Produce.

(iii) Market Information service for Horticulture crops.

In order to protect the interest of the growers, Market Intervention Scheme is alsobeing implemented wherein purchase operations are done on the request of the State Governments.